



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises

Subject of possible rule making: Amending Chapter 326-20 WAC - Certification

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 39.19.030; RCW 39.19.120;

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The agency is amending WACs 326-20 bring the rules up-to-date and to reflect current program needs. This WAC chapter has not been updated in 10 years. Amendments to this chapter may change eligibility requirements for some individuals applying for state certification from OMWBE. In addition, housekeeping changes will be made such as WAC and RCW references.

Proposed amendments to this chapter are necessary to clarify the rules which determine whether an individual meets the requirements for state certification from OMWBE. Overall changes in organization and language are needed to reduce confusion for applicants. Amendments may also align eligibility requirements for the federal certification program.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: NA

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
☐ Pilot rule making
☐ Agency study
☒ Other (describe)

OMWBE welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, OMWBE will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rule-making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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